

NSA, DIA, ARMY reviews completed

TAB B

BISON AND BEAR PRODUCTION

1. Intelligence on the Soviet heavy bomber production program continues to be grossly inadequate. Information on the BISON has been largely confined to attache reports from the Moscow area, fragmentary [redacted] and limited TALENT photography of July 1956. (BISONS and BEARS were subsequently learned to be based primarily at ENGELS and CHEPELEVKA, neither of which were covered.) Information on the BEAR has been almost exclusively obtained from [redacted]

2. The number of BISONS produced to date and the scope of re-equipment cannot be positively established. Estimated Soviet intentions to start BISON production at plants other than aircraft factory 23 at Moscow/Fili have not been confirmed. Even less complete and reliable evidence is available on the BEAR program, partly because of the difficulty of ground observation at the factory airfield associated with the BEAR program.

3. Photo reconnaissance coverage of the following Soviet aircraft factories, estimated to be producing or capable of producing heavy bombers, would provide basic data which would permit more accurate estimates of present and future heavy bomber production capacity. These facilities are listed in order of priority. (Additionally, a count of heavy bombers observed at these factory airfields would contribute to validating overall heavy bomber strength estimate.)

<u>Installation</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>
KUYBYSHEV Airframe Plants [redacted]	5313/5019
KAZAN Airframe Plant [redacted]	5551/4906
VORONEZH AC Assembly Plant [redacted]	5138/3915
MOSKVA Airframe Plant [redacted]	5545/3730
IRKUTSK Airframe Plant [redacted]	5221/10413
OMSK Aircraft Plant [redacted]	5458/7327